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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Teachers in Aided Elementary and Secondary Schools for purposes of reckoning grant are eligible for one year's leave apart from the usual casual leave. Such leave is granted up to one year in the whole service of a teacher if the leave is granted on account of illness, the period of leave admitted for purposes of grant being restricted to four months at a time.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is the teacher eligible for any other leave, that is, besides casual leave and the sick leave on half pay?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This is for the management to consider.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : My question is this. Are the Government prepared to admit for purposes of pay which they are just assessing now after the 1st of April 1964, the leave taken by the teachers as per the rules framed by the management, though they may be liberal enough?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that because the position was fluid when the Government had not intimated the managements that they could grant the leave as per the leave rules already in force before 1st April 1964, teachers are not able to get leave and many of them are suffering like anything for want of definite rules?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think Government have had any such representation. If the hon. Member will write to me, I shall look into it.

Non-teaching staff of Aided Secondary Schools

* 72 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to treat gardeners, watchmen, sweepers, scavengers and watermen in Aided Secondary Schools as regular servants of the institution payable through acquittance roll; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Menials such as gardeners, watchmen, sweepers, scavengers and watermen working in Aided Secondary Schools are already treated as regular servants of the institution and paid through acquittance roll.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that these menials are getting only fixed dearness allowance and the increase in dearness allowance does not apply to them?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : If this is so, what is the difficulty in Government considering their case for purposes of increase in dearness allowance?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I cannot answer a hypothetical question.

Training schools

* 73 *Q*.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of training schools that are proposed to be started during 1965–66 for the training of teachers ; and

(*b*) the location of such training schools?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) One.

(*b*) At Okkur in Ramanathapuram district.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : There is need for more trained teachers. Will the Government start some more training schools during the current year itself?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government have now and then been assessing the need for more trained teachers and having assessed that way, we thought there was need for one school and that school is being organised at Okkur.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is it not a fact that a number of applications are being rejected by these training schools for want of accommodation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It is not a question of admitting all the applicants. It is a question of the need for trained teachers.

Disturbances between 9th and 13th February 1965

* 74 *Q*.—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the causes for the disturbances between 9th and 13th February 1965;

(*b*) what steps did the Government take to prevent the same ;

(*c*) what is the loss of life both to the police and to the public as a result of the disturbances and the firing thereon; and

(*d*) what is the loss caused by such disturbances to public and private properties and to the railways?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) All possible steps were taken by the Government to meet the law and order situation and also to remove the causes for the trouble.